

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS, INC.,

NO.

Plaintiff

v.

COMPLAINT TO COMPEL AUDIT

USF REDDAWAY INC., an Oregon corporation,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff, Northwest Administrators, Inc., is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in King County, and is the authorized administrative agency for and the assignee of the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust Fund and the Retirees Welfare Trust Fund (hereinafter "Trusts").

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The Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor

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1 Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, to provide medical benefits to
2 eligible participants.

3 III.
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5 The Retirees Welfare Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating
6 as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act of
7 1947, as amended, to provide retirement benefits to eligible participants.

8 IV.
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10 This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under Section
11 502(e)(1) and (f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"),
12 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (f) and under §301(a) of the Taft-Hartley Act, 29 U.S.C.
13 §185(a).

14 V.
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16 Venue is proper in this District under Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C.
17 §1132(e)(2), because the Plaintiff's Trust Funds are administered in this District.

18 VI.
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Defendant is an Oregon corporation.

20 VII.
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22 Defendant is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 174 of the
23 International Brotherhood of Teamsters (hereinafter "Local"), under which the
24 Defendant is required to promptly and fully report for and pay monthly contributions to
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1 the Trusts at specific rates for each hour of compensation (including vacations,
2 holidays, overtime and sick leave) said Defendant pays to its employees who are
3 members of the bargaining unit represented by the Local (such bargaining unit
4 members are any of the Defendant's part time or full time employees who perform
5 any work task covered by the Defendant's labor contract with the Local, whether or
6 not those employees ever actually join the Local).

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8 VIII.
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10 Defendant accepted the Trusts' Agreements & Declarations of Trust ("Trust
11 Agreements") which provide in part:

12 Each Employer shall promptly furnish to the Trustees on
13 demand any and all records of his Employees, concerning
14 the classification of such Employees, their names, Social
15 Security numbers, amount of wages paid and hours
16 worked and any other payroll records and information that
17 the trustees may require in connection with the
18 administration of the Trust Fund. Each Employer shall
19 also submit in writing to the trustees at such regular
20 periodic intervals and in such form as the Trustees may
21 establish such of the above data as may be requested by
22 the trustees. The Trustees or their authorized
23 representatives may examine the payroll books and
24 records of each Employer whenever such examination is
25 deemed necessary or advisable by the Trustees in
26 connection with the proper administration of the Trust
Fund. Upon request from the Trustees, each Employer
shall deliver in person or by such class of mail as the
Trustees shall determine to each of his employees, and
each Union shall deliver to each of its members, who is a
participant or beneficiary hereunder, any notice or
document which the Trustees are required by law to
distribute to such participant or beneficiaries.



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2 IX.
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5 The Trust Funds deem it both necessary and advisable to the proper
6 administration of the Trusts that their authorized representatives examine the
7 Defendant's books and records for the inclusive period April 1, 2011 through June 30,
8 2015 to determine if the Defendant previously reported for and paid to the Trusts all
9 of the amounts due for the Defendant's employment of members of the bargaining
10 unit represented by the Trusts for said periods.

11 X.
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13 Despite notification to the Defendant of the Trustees' desire to conduct an
14 audit for the period April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015, and demands made upon
15 the Defendant on the Trusts' behalf for access to Defendant's records for an
16 examination of them for that period, to date the Defendant has failed and refused to
17 make all of its records available for the thorough examination the Trustees deem
18 necessary and advisable to the proper administration of the Trusts.

19 WHEREFORE, plaintiff, on the Trusts' behalf, prays the court as follows:

- 20 1. That the Court enter an Order Compelling Audit under which Defendant
21 shall be directed by the Court, within a specified time, to:
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23 A. Make available to the authorized representatives of the Trustees
24 of the Trusts the following documents for the period April 1, 2011
25 through June 30, 2015 for the USF Reddaway Inc., Kent WA
26 location:

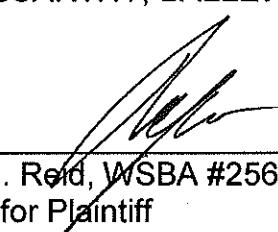
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- 1 1. Individual payroll records for all employees;
 - 2 2. Employee roster listing all employees, with hire or position
 - 3 date changes;
 - 4 3. State Employer Security Reports; and
 - 4 4. Payroll or accounts payable records for temporary agency
 - 4 personnel.
- 5 B. Afford to the authorized representatives of the Trustees of the
- 6 Trusts both ample time and opportunity to examine all such
- 7 materials of Defendant at such time and at such place as shall
- 8 be convenient to the Trustees' authorized representatives.
- 9 2. For judgment against the Defendant for:
- 10 A. All of the Plaintiff's attorney's fees incurred in gaining auditor
- 11 access to Defendant's records;
- 12 B. All of the Plaintiff's costs incurred in gaining auditor access to
- 13 defendant's records, and
- 14 C. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and
- 15 equitable.
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17 DATED this 31st day of August, 2016.

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20 L.L.P.


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